



**Sheila Dixon**

*Mayor,  
Baltimore*

250 City Hall • Baltimore Maryland 21202  
410-396-3835 • Fax: 410-576-9425

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**June 13, 2007**

**CONTACT:**

**Anthony McCarthy  
(410) 869-6079 (Cell)**

**Mayor Sheila Dixon Welcomes New City School System CEO**

Baltimore, MD (June 13, 2007) – Mayor Dixon joined the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to announce the selection of Dr. Andres Alonso as the new CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System. He was a unanimous selection by the board, and came highly recommended after an interview with Mayor Dixon.

“Since our last meeting, I have looked to welcoming you to Baltimore City,” said Mayor Dixon. “We are very fortunate to have a CEO with this much experience.”

Since 2003, Dr. Alonso was with the New York City Department of Education, and reached the position of Deputy Chancellor in 2006. He assisted Chancellor Joel Klein in development and implementation of policies to increase student achievement and improve school performance that won the Board Foundation Prize for Urban Education for the past three years. In his tenure, students in New York City schools improved their math and reading test scores at record rates.

Dr. Alonso immigrated to the United States from Cuba when he was 12 years old. After graduating high school, he attended Columbia University, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa. He then earned a law degree from Harvard, and practiced law until he decided to become an educator. Last year he earned his Doctorate in Education from Harvard.

“I am certain that Dr. Alonso is the most qualified person to move Baltimore’s schools forward,” said Mayor Dixon.

Dr. Alonso officially replaces Interim CEO Dr. Charlene Cooper Boston on July 1, 2007. Mayor Dixon praised and thanked Dr. Boston for her service to the students. “We are indebted for your outstanding stewardship of the School System,” said Mayor Dixon.

###

Please visit our website at [www.baltimorecity.gov](http://www.baltimorecity.gov)